

May 1, 1941.

Rev. John H. Johnson,
230 Lenox Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Friend:

I am enclosing you a copy of a postal card I received to day from the man in question, Johnny Davis. I explained to you when I was there, they had agreed to let him come to Newark at the end of the season last year, in addition we had received word from Atty. J. Bernard Johnson here in Newark that the boy's record warranted lifting his parold this year, so he could be free to go where he wanted to. This card from him shows plainly that the local Authorities have decided to keep him in an effort to co-operate with the man in Schenectady, who has a Ball Club.

The reason I am being so insistent about this particular case is because I do feel it is so unfair to take this advantage of the boy. If he was entitled to the transfer last year and if they had agreed to lift the parole this year, they should not hold him back in this way. He had signed the contract, as I told you, to play with us and was apparently very anxious to come. He will definitely make more money with our Club. The worst they should do is to transfer him here under the supervision of the local Parole Board. Knowing you as well as I do, I am sure you will agree with me and be desirous of assisting this chap.

I feel if we brought enough pressure to bear and the local Parole Authorities are put on the spot, we should be able to get some place. If there is anything you would suggest me doing, anybody you think I should see personally, please let me know.

Sincerely thank you for your co-operation to date.

Very truly yours,

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